Approved For Release 2003/08/05 CIA-RDP82-00457R004900470004 25X1 CLASSIFICATION. Soviet Zone of German COUNTRY. REPORT NO._ willitary information from Frankfurt/oder 25X1 EVALUATION_ _PLACE OBTAINED_ 23 February to 6 March 1950 25X1 DATE OF CONTENT_ DATE OBTAINED_ DATE PREPARED 24 April 1960 25X1 REFERENCES__ PAGES. ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) RETURN TO CIA LIBRARY REMARKS_ 25X1 The following observations were made in Frankfurt/Oder (0 53/ π 63) between 23 rebruary and 6 March 1950: 1. Artillerie Kaserne: a. Still occupied by an AAA unit with red-bordered black epaulets, with and without artillery insignia. The unit numbered about 1,500 troops, about 50 percent being recruits. b. For an inspection on Red Army Day (23 February 1950) 1,300 to 1,500 troops had fallen in. c. Three platoons of about 40 troops each underwent basic infantry drill without rifles in the barracks yard on 2 March 195a. d. Four platoons of the same strength were engaged in the same exercises in the morning of 6 March 1:50. Three platoons of the same strength held basic infantry drill and march exercises in the afternoon. Two squads of 12 and 15 men respectively exercised in line of skirmishers and squad column without arms. e. Although, no heavy weapons were seen there were no indications that the weapons previously seen in the barracks were not there. I. Passenger car 25X1 and trucks 25X1 25X1 kange in Glass. CONFIDENTIAL Auth.: 25X1 Date: CLASSIFICATION This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Contral Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States
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2. Buelow Kaserne:

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Occupied by about 600 troops of a unit with tank insignia and a unit with artillery insignia.

- b. bout 600 troops had fallen in the barracks yard for an inspection on Red Tray Day (23 February 1950). A red flag and a military band were observed with the troops.
- c. Service of the piece drill by 12 men with a 57-mm AT gun was observed on 2 Tarch 1950. Twenty men held rifle practices. Four platoons of 40 to 50 men each, with and without rifles, were drilling in the barracks yard on 6 March 1950.

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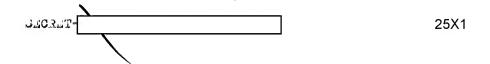
3. Eichhorn kaserne:

a. Northern Dection:

- (1) Still housing transient soldiers of all branches of service. Luch activity was seen there during recent months. After observations over a prolonged period of time it was established that the number of incoming transient troops approximately equalled the number of outgoing troops (going on furlough). The troops traveled individually rather than in shipments. The reason why translent EM are processed through the barracks is unknown. Soldiers awaiting train connection in Frankfurt/Oder generally stay in the two requisitioned waiting rooms of the reilroad station. Officers who have to stay in Frankfurt/Oder for some time are given a truck ride to the Hofbauer Kaserne, Troops arrive in Frankfurt/Oder abound regular trains. Two pairs of express trains of nine or ten coaches which are usually occupied to capacityoperate daily between Frankfurt/Oder and the Loviet union.
- (2) cate guards at the Eichhorn Kaserne change frequently. They wear different service colors and are armed with rifles or submachine guns and, sometimes, are unarmed.
- (3) The Frankfurt kech office still stores furniture in some stables and garajes of the barracks.

b. Southern section:

(1) gtill occupied by about 600 troops, including about 450 recruits, vecring black-bordered crimson epaulets. The unit is allogedly commanded by Lt col Rudich.



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mestkreuz/gosengarten in the afternoon of 6 March 1950.

d. Trucks were also identified.

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5. Hofbauer Laserne:

- a. -till housing about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, allegedly belonging to a tank unit.
- b. One kaserne building was used as transient billets for officers going on leave. Three buildings were only lightly occupied.
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6. Horn Laserne:

occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. . bout 600 troops were also observed to fall in on led ray Day. On this occasion a military band in plateon strength come to the barraks.

- b. Sixty troops at drill with three 37-mm U. guns, one 57-mm AT gun and two 76.2-mm Guns (without muzzle brake) and forty troops at rifle drill were observed on 2 .arch 1950.
- c. Fifty troops held rifle drill in the barracks yard and 70 to 80 men fell in in front of a building in the morning of 6 larch 1950. Two crews of 10 and 11 mon respectively were engaged in service of the piece drill with two 76.2 cm guns in the afternoon.

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	7.	Ziethen Kaserne:	
		Occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Eight companies of 100 to 120 men each were seen at roll call on 23 February 1950. Each company had a red flag.	
		b. Two platoons of about 40 men each were seen at rifle drill on the athletic field adjoining the kaserne on 2 larch 1950.	
		c. Three platoons of 40 to 45 men were seen drilling on the same field in the afternoon. Six gun crews of 10 to 15 men each were observed at service of the piece drill with two types of guns, presumably of 57 and 76.2 mm caliber (observed from a distance).	
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	8.	Kommandatura in the celbe Fresse Building:	
		a. Occupied by a kommandatura unit of about 100 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Twelve soldiers were seen at firing practices on 2 March 1950. Two groups of 12 and 14 men respectively were observed drilling without arms on 4 March 1950	, Ja
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		e. continual information from Frankfurt/Oder confirms component units of the 7th Gds jecz Div as being stationed in most of the barracks.	
		component units of the 7 No 4.4 Div/Forth Eds Lecz rmy are still stationed in the artillery baserne.	
		gransient goviet soldiers and officers are billited in sections of the lichhorn asserne and the hofbauer laserne (presumbly a transportation control office for personnel going on, or returning from, furlough).	,
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		the rtillerie Asserne.	
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c. It is known from a schedule published in govietskeya traiya of 14 tetober 1949 that, effective 15 tetober 1949, to trains are daily communicating in both directions on the trainfurt/oder-prest railroad line, i.e. one express train leaving Potsdun-jildpark and one passenger train leaving Prinkfurt/oder.

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